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Subject: FW: DOI April 27 letter regarding Maine WQS and tribal fishing rights
Attachments: DENVER-#611345-v1-Maine_As-Filed_EPA_s_Status_Report.pdf; DENVER-#611346-v1-Maine_As-Filed_April_27__2018_Doi_letter.pdf

Hello Alex, Deb, et al,

The 27 April 2018 DOI letter and EPA's status report was sent to the Maine tribes yesterday afternoon. Please see response from Chief Nicholas of the Passamaquoddy Tribe – Indian Township regarding the DOI letter below.

Mike Stover

From: William Nicholas [mailto:chief.wnicholas@gmail.com]
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Subject: Re: DOI April 27 letter regarding Maine WQS and tribal fishing rights

It is our inherent right to fish unmolested and determine what sustenance is or means to us. I am against any agency ruling or court that determines our sustenance rights under their definition, and then fails to consult with the Tribes in a manner that protects our way of life and existence. The definition of sustenance should be determined by the Tribes, from our traditional and cultural practices, not defined by anyone who has not lived our lives, and has not practiced our ways of survival. Clearly their appears to be third party agendas and deals being made without our input. It violates all that is right for our people's survival through safe water, unrestricted sustenance, and definitions that support our way of life. This is not to help our fishing rights, it is to help a contingency of lobbyist that have no idea what it is to live our ways, or care if we exist. If the Interior or any one wants to do the Tribes in Maine right, than recognize our rights to determine our own destiny and defend our homelands.

Chief Nicholas
Passamaquoddy Tribe
Indian Township

On Tue, May 8, 2018 at 5:14 PM Stover, Michael <Stover.Michael@epa.gov> wrote:

Dear Tribal Leaders and Environmental/Natural Resource Directors,

Please find attached letter from DOI Principal Deputy Solicitor to EPA General Counsel dated April 27, 2018 and status report to inform the court and parties of the existence of this letter. Note that this DOI letter relates to the 30 January 30 2015 letter from DOI to EPA that is included in the Administrative Record.

Note in the language included in the status report that in EPA's filing of this letter with the status report, EPA is not suggesting that the April 27 DOI letter should be added to the Administrative Record; rather, EPA is simply providing notice of the existence of the April 27, 2018 to the court.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Mike Stover